

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1 through 9 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A feeding implement, comprising:

- a) a handle portion shaped to permit grasping by a user;
- b) a transport portion connected to said handle portion for dipping into solid food; ~~and~~
- c) a mouth guard connected in between said transport portion and said handle portion;
- and
- d) said transport having at least two substantially flat surfaces, each substantially flat surface having a plurality of grooves located thereon.

Claim 11 (new): The feeding implement of Claim 10, wherein said substantially flat surfaces have a concave curvature.

Claim 12 (new): The feeding implement of Claim 10, wherein said transport portion tapers away from said mouth guard.

Claim 13 (new): The feeding implement of Claim 10, wherein said handle portion has a plurality of protuberances located thereon.

Claim 14 (new): The feeding implement of Claim 13, wherein said protuberances are ridges.

Claim 15 (new): The feeding implement of Claim 10 wherein said mouth guard has at least two points of a perimeter of said mouth guard in contact with a surface when said feeding implement is placed on said surface.